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This is a friendly reminder to participate in the 2026 Resource Parent Survey. Your feedback is essential in helping improve services and support for families across the Commonwealth. Please complete the survey by February 13, 2026.

The purpose of this announcement is to inform licensed child-placing agencies (LCPA) about a survey for Virginia's approved foster and adoptive families. Please provide the link, 2026 Resource Parent Survey, to all approved foster and adoptive parents. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete, and each family should respond once. The deadline for completion of the survey is **February 13, 2026.**

Participation in the survey is voluntary, and the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) will not have access to the identity of families who respond. Survey results will provide regional and statewide data related to the demographics of Virginia's foster and adoptive families, the profile of children they are serving, and in-service training needs. Data gathered from the survey will be included in Virginia's Annual Report on the Five-Year State Plan for Child and Family Services, which is submitted annually to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and will be used to guide program decisions over the next few years.

This survey is being conducted by the VDSS, Division of Family Services (DFS), and DFS, which will collect and analyze the survey data. Additionally, DFS will survey the local department of social services approved kinship, foster, and adoptive families to include their data in the state plan.

Below is a template you may use when you send the survey link to your approved foster and adoptive parents:

> We are sending you the link to the 2026 Resource Parent Survey, which is intended to reach all foster and adoptive parents in Virginia to better understand and support the foster and adoptive families who serve Virginia's children in foster care. The survey will take **approximately 10 minutes to complete,** and each family should respond once. The deadline for completion of the survey is **February 13, 2026**.
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Thank you in advance for your assistance.

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